



tattersalls

newsletter **July**



rugby lunch

of the **century!**

Rugby trophies on display - Tri-nations Cup, World Cup and Bledisloe Cup

OK, so the century has just started, but we're prepared to bet this season with the touring Lions will be remembered for at least 99 years. And who better to stir you up for the great on-field action, but the man who steered the Wallabies to 89 victories including 23 out of 30 tests!

The London Times' sports writer described him as having "the most analytical brain I have encountered in charge of a national side."

He is Australia's most successful Rugby Coach ever, Alan Jones A.M.

Alan's CV is remarkable. His achievements and awards are legion. But it is perhaps as a public speaker that he is most impressive. His energy, knowledge and convincing style has him in great demand as a motivator. He knows the Running Game inside out and he won't hold back from telling a few stories you won't have heard before.

We have been extremely lucky (note the date) to secure his services for our Rugby Lunch on Friday the 13th of July. With our famous chef, Guillaume Brahimi, in the kitchen you know the food and wine will make a spectacular spread. With the extra attraction of Alan Jones talking it up on the sidelines, you know you'll regret it if you don't lace up those boots again and run on for this one.

The time is 12.00 noon for 12.30. The cost is \$120 per person. Bookings can be made at the Main Office by calling 9264 6111.

So if a good game of rugby stirs your soul and you'd like to share in the thoughts of our most passionate and articulate coach, in this most memorable of seasons, make a dive for the phone.

This will be one of the great **tattersalls** events.

housekeeping

vale new members secretary's notes

The final phase in the upgrading of the pool has been completed with the installation of two new pumps. Swimmers will notice the increased flow and water temperature can now be regulated more efficiently. Whilst discussing the Athletic Department, the upgrading program for exercise bikes is continuing, with the arrival of three more "V-Bikes". These have proved very popular, especially with lunchtime classes.

Since the decision was made to remodel the Club Room, resulting in a larger function area on Level 3, the resultant increase in function business, has been encouraging. Scarcely a week passes without a number of interesting functions being held at The Club. These include annual meetings, cocktail parties, product launches, dinners, charity lunches, conferences and weddings.

Members have a unique opportunity to hold functions at **tattersalls**. Should you require further information or wish to discuss the possibility of holding your next function at the Club, please call the Administration Office at your convenience.

Robin Margo	Barrister
Simon Robinson	Banker
Adrian Tucker	Equity Trader

Terence S Gathercole	Member for 36 years
John A Middleton	Member for 37 years
Jack Muir	Member for 50 years - sadly missed by all.

club directory

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Have you got mail?

We would appreciate if all members online could contact us with their email addresses, as we intend to send a regular email (probably weekly) to keep you up to date with events and opportunities at your Club.

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tattersalls into the year 2001

calendar of events

2001

july

- 13th British Lions Lunch
- 14th British Lions Game
- 24th Swim Club Month 7 commences
- 26th Lightning Snooker
- 27th Young Members Beer Tasting

august

- 2nd Tattersalls racing Awards
- 7th Christian Fellowship Meeting.
Bistro level 2
- 17th Villains of League
- 21st Swim Club Month 8 commences.
Swimmers' Snack Bar Lunch.
2 Tatts Race- Date T.B.A (Swimming)
1 week off for Maui
- 31st Bledisloe Cup Lunch

september

- 1st Spring Carnival Race Day
Bledisloe Cup Match
- 4th Christian Fellowship Meeting.
Bistro level 2
- 25th Swim Club Month 9 commences

october

- 2nd Christian Fellowship Meeting.
Bistro level 2
- 19th Black Tie Boxing
- 22nd Tatts Swimming race
- 23rd Swim Club Month 10 commences

november

- 6th Melbourne Cup Lunch
- 6th Christian Fellowship Meeting.
Bistro level 2
- 22nd Swim Club Championships
- 15th Swim Club Season concludes
Thursday

december

- 4th Swim Club Christmas Scramble
- 7th Swim Club Christmas Lunch
- 6th Christian Fellowship Meeting. Bistro



Sir Nicholas Shehadie, Russell Debney (tattersalls chairman), Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC (Governor of NSW), Phillip & Glenis Hayes (Rotary) & Rick Harcourt (Rotary)

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

NAME	MEMBERSHIP	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Robert Neil Coombe	ORDINARY	Balmain NSW 2041	Head of Retail Funds Mgt	D Hoare H7	P Joseph J83
Michael Patrick Flannery	ORDINARY	Northwood NSW 2066	Pharmacist	A Coorey C255	M Best B104
Wayne John Hann	ORDINARY	Darlinghurst NSW 2010	Company Director Property	G Brahimi B20	J Alexander A183
Paul Polydor	ORDINARY	Pagewood NSW 2035	Investment Banker	A Coorey C255	Committee
Timothy McAllister Reid	UNDER 30	Kensington NSW 2033	Area Sales Manager	K Broadley B273	C Moretti M52
Andrew Fairfax Robertson	ORDINARY	Frenchs Forest NSW 2086	Partner Property	G Brahimi B20	J Alexander A183
Walter William (Bill) Wedderburn	ORDINARY	Clontarf NSW 2093	Company Chairman	P Wedderburn W25	G Connolly C235

gourmet dinner

Encore merci Guillaume.

Once again we want to thank our executive chef, Guillaume Brahimi, for another superb evening on Friday 15th of June.

For people who truly appreciate good food and wine, these gourmet nights are becoming the talk of the town. Do not be surprised if you're approached in the coming months by some unfortunate non-members pleading for you to book a table for the next one so you can invite them along.

It's not just the food they're hearing about, (at this last event it was served as a degustation menu of seven courses in exquisitely balanced portions), they will want to come for the wines as well. Not just your average current releases, but medal-winners from across Australia with some bottle age, selected to complement each dish.

The evening was introduced by incoming chairman Russell Debney, painting evocative word pictures of Paris, and during the evening our Chef spoke about the courses and their accompanying wines.

It was a tantalising list.

For example, with the confit of duck and foie gras in a mille feuille (described inelegantly but accurately by one guest as "flavour bombs") was served the 1997 Chandon Blanc de Blanc from the Yarra Valley.

The consomme of crab was matched with a 1997 Leo Buring Leonay Riesling from Watervale. The next course of Queensland king prawns earned a 1998 Edwards and Chaffey Unfiltered Chardonnay from McLaren Vale. Overwhelmed by Chef's generosity another guest reckoned "the prawns looked like chickens."

And so it went: braised Tassie leg of lamb, partnered by Rosemount's 1998 Rhone-style blend of shiraz, grenache and mouvedre from the Hunter and McLaren Vale. Goat cheese lightly toasted on walnut bread with the '97 Great

Western Shiraz from Victoria. Profiteroles with hot chocolate sauce and the '98 Tollana Botrytis Riesling from Eden Valley. Coffee and petit fours to finish.

Summed up by another diner as "exciting and adventurous food with admirable quantities of wine to be enjoyed, starting with the bubbly, or in my case a beer or two."

For those still recovering and those who wish they'd been there, you can be sure yet another splendid gastronomic evening is being planned and will be announced in due course.

london offer

STOP PRESS! SUMMER IN LONDON

JULY AND AUGUST SPECIAL RATES

The Sloane Club offers the very best of taste and tradition in the heart of London's Chelsea. Situated only metres from Sloane Square, a short walk to the River Thames and the shops of Sloane Street, Harrods and Harvey Nichols are only minutes away. The Kings Road with its cafes and boutiques starts a few steps outside. Our Concierge, Martin Baines, will be happy to help arrange trips to the theatre, the London Eye, Windsor Castle and the many other attractions of England in the summer, such as the Royal Horticultural Society Flower show at Hampton Court Palace, which can be reached on a lazy boat ride up the river.

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travel

around the world in 80 ways

Rather than focus on a destination I would like to concentrate on an area of interest not widely understood. Round world fares- what they are and what you can do with them! Round world fares always include travel to Europe either via Asia or Africa, trans Atlantic sectors, flights through North and sometimes South America, then back to Australia via the Pacific. Until recently these round world fares only included flights using two, maximum three airlines. However with the advent of the Star Alliance and One World carriers, the use of these round world fares has increased dramatically due to the value and destinations offered by this multitude of airlines.

15 in the Star Alliance and 10 in the One World. You can travel everywhere (within reason not Antarctica) and even backtrack within the mileage allowance of the fares -26,000 miles allows Sydney, Bangkok, Tel Aviv, Copenhagen, Montreal, Toronto, Cleveland, Chicago, Sydney to give you an idea. What is even better is that many of these fares are cheaper especially in business class than say Sydney New York return. The One World carriers ie Qantas and partners offer two "round world fares" either based on miles or number of continents flown. You can even upgrade to Concorde (paying extra of course).

Other round world options

Cheaper fares exist in business class with the use restricted to only two airlines. Hence for less exotic trips these provide good value eg United and Emirates / United and Singapore Airlines. Singapore Airlines also has a fare including Europe and US via Asia in each direction. You can also go via the USA to Europe and return the same way-although not strictly an around world fare -achieves similar results.

Around world fares give you the flexibility to change dates, change the itinerary (usually for a fee after the first change), allow frequent flyer points to be earned on every sector flown. As part of the round world fare you can even sail on QE11 New York / Southampton as there are deals with Qantas/BA and Cunard

Due to the number of options for round world journeys we recommend talking to our experienced consultants.

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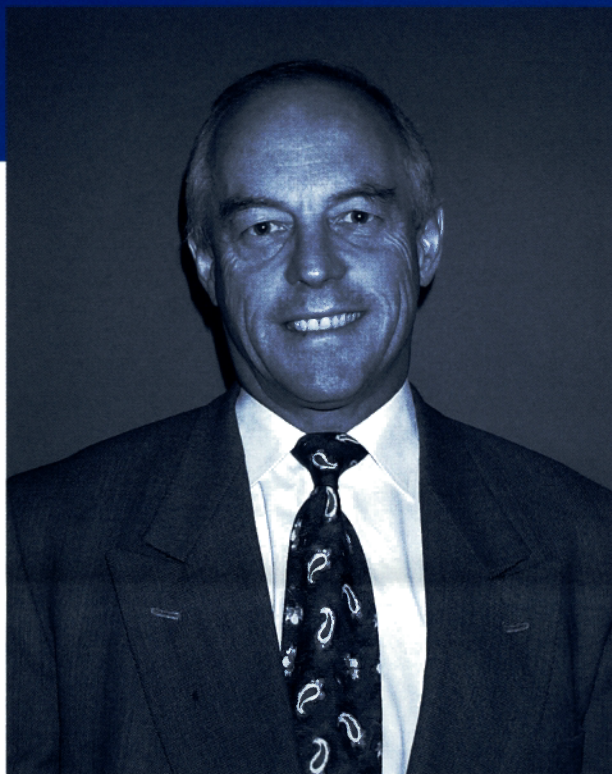
CRUISE SPECIALS

- 🏠 04 OCTOBER: 12 night Fall foliage cruise of New England/Canada on the 5 star Caronia including flights to New York **FROM \$5159 PLUS TAXES**
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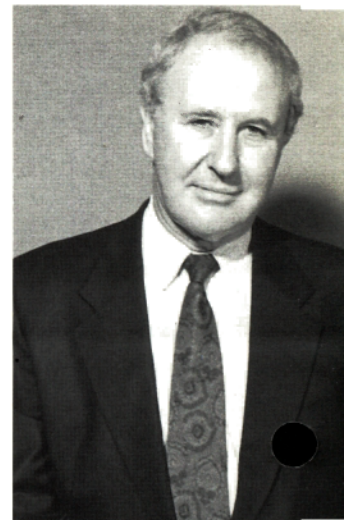
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New Chairman, Russell Debney

introducing t



I must say that I have enjoyed my first few weeks. Committeemen have a responsibility to make themselves aware of all of the issues which affect the smooth running of, and the general atmosphere in the Club. To do the job properly, this means being available and listening carefully to members. For me, this has meant catching up with many old friends, as well as members I did not know, and being rewarded with so many good ideas.

If **tattersalls** Club is to be a force in the city, and in our lives, then it needs to be as relevant to its members now as when it was first formed in 1858.

The essential elements of honour and friendship (that's our motto of course) will always be there but we need to constantly adjust and change with the times. We are now much more a sporting club in the broad spectrum of sport than we were as the principal racing club in the days before the AJC. Our members are more likely to be city businessmen and professionals than bookmakers and leading racing identities (although I am pleased to see that this part of our heritage remains strong). We are concerned now more with the health and welfare of our members rather than in settling their wagering disputes.

Most of all, we are a club and that means that we offer much more than a health facility or a city bar and eatery. We create and we enrich close friendships which add to

our personal and business lives. We genuinely care for each other and share our achievements and misfortunes. We value our club staff as part of the family. We share the challenges and the joys of sport and competition. It's a heady brew for me - sport, business, mateship and a sense of belonging.

But more of that and about the plans that we have for the next year in future newsletters. First, I would like to introduce your new Committee.

Denis Pidcock fronts up for another term as Treasurer. Also continuing on from Denis Cleary's committee are Bob Sanders, Rick Glover, Errol Chant, Andrew Leary and Andrew Coorey. Having served with most of these excellent chaps on previous committees, I am delighted that we go into this year with the experience and track record of such wise heads.

New to the Committee are Mick Gillis, John Gowran and Tim Maunsell. Mick and Tim bring a welcome fresh breath of youth and enthusiasm to the Committee, reflecting the importance we place on making **tattersalls** Club a sought-after venue for younger members. John Gowran is best known to the snooker and billiards fraternity where he has led the resurgence of that group with so many excellent innovations in recent times.

Please make yourself known to the Committee and get involved in the life of **tattersalls** Club.



the new committee



Committee members from left to right: Denis Pidcock, Erol Chant, Rick Glover, Andrew Leary, Bob Sanders, Andrew Corey, Mick Gillis, John Gowran and Tim Maunsell.

SUB COMMITTEES:

Ex Officio - The Chairman, the Treasurer

FINANCE:

Conveynor Errol Chant

MEMBERSHIP:

Conveynor Richard Glover, Andrew Coorey, Tim Maunsell, and Michael Gillis

FUNCTIONS & MARKETING:

Conveynor Bob Sanders, Andrew Leary, Andrew Coorey, Tim Maunsell and Michael Gillis

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

Richard Glover, John Gowran, Bob Sanders and Errol Chant

Bravo the Designer (send in the clones)

Globalisation may be exciting in economics, but in terms of Good Dressing it's a bore.

Watch it happen. great Designer comes up with a successful jacket or suit. To complete the look he produces the shirt, the tie, the shoes, the whatever. this sequence then shines out from the windows of the Designer's retail boutiques all over the planet. Customers everywhere echo the look. His look. Not theirs, his!

There is no Vince Maloney look.

Vince's aim and skills are simply to help project the customer's Look, using elements freely selected from the whole world's talents. All the World's a stage, and one man in his time might as well enjoy playing his own character to the hilt. Sez Vince.



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sports



John Greaves, Tony Salier & Mark Roufeil

June

Although unlikely to gain the committee's Choice Award, Tony Salier gained maximum points in the final week to overhaul Jim Berry for the monthly Sprint Event.

Results of Month 3 swimming were:

Manchester Unity 50m: YTD End Mon 3:

1. A Salier	40	1. W Debney	78
2. J Berry	36	2. P Thiel	77
3. A Torok	24	3. J Berry	70

Brahimi Bistro Award 100m: YTD End Month 3:

1. J Greaves	25	1. P Thiel	68
2. I Lemmey	21	2. I Lemmey	66
3. A Torok	19	3. J Greaves	67
R Debney	19		
P Bryant	19		

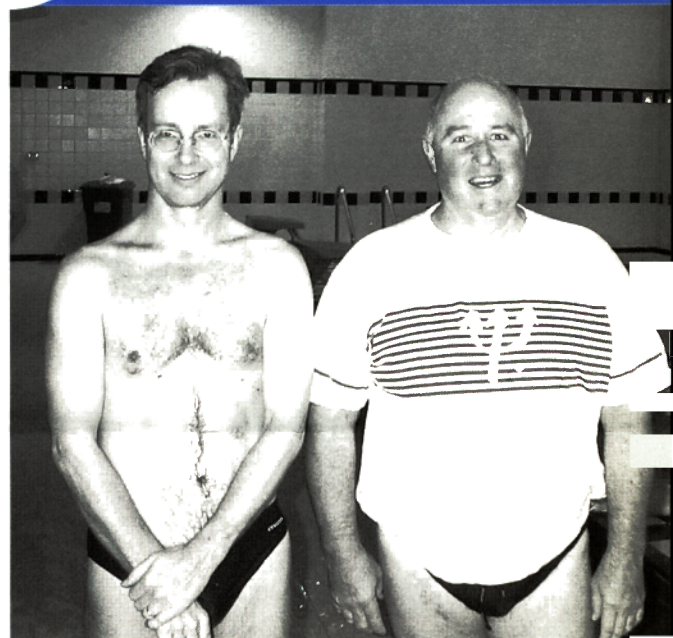
Swimmer of the Month - Month 3 Optus Award:

Committee's Choice - Mark Roufeil

Progress Points in the Col Bowes Memorial Trophy:

1. Peter Thiel	29
2. Peter Gibson	27
3. Jim Berry	26
Mark Roufeil	26

Nice to see over 65's champ, Bob Hill back again after a spell in hospital, together with the return of John Harvey and Andrew Coorey.



Ian Pendleton & John Murray

July

What a month! Committeemen Leigh Bowes and Charlie Robinson returning from vacations and Alan Ball in our thoughts as he has a spell in Manly Hospital.

Our congratulations to Peter Thiel as our successful nominee for Sportsman of the Year. Well done Peter.

The Poolside Lunch on the 29th of May was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Results for the month were dominated by John Murray. "The Bear" is not in hibernation and has come out of the woods to win everything in sight!

Results of Month 4 swimming were:

Manchester Unity 50m: YTD End Mon 4:

1. J Murray	37	1. W Debney	100
2. M Roufeil	31	2. P Thiel	100
3. R Debney	27	3. R Debney	89

Brahimi Bistro Award 100m: YTD End Month 4:

1. J Murray	24	1. I Lemmey	83
2. I Lemmey	22	2. P Thiel	82
3. B Fallshaw	22	3. J McCosker	75

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Swimmer of the Month - Month 4 Optus Award:

Committee's Choice - Ian Pendelton

Progress Points in the Col Bowes Memorial Trophy:

1. Peter Thiel	39
2. Pat Bryant	33
3. Peter Gibson	31
Mark Roufeil	31

Nice to see Alex Pope, Richard Jagger and Tim Noonan back at the pool.

It will soon be August. That means the Maui Swim is coming up fast - contact Andrew Torok if you want more info. Also the legendary 2 Tatts Race is on Wednesday 22nd of August at 6.00pm in our **tattersalls** Pool.

Personal Training Available

Athletic Department members can now have their own trainer to assist in achieving their fitness goals more effectively. Tattersalls Athletic Department has a team of fully qualified and highly motivated personal trainers ready to go.

Benefits of using a Personal Trainer

- Motivation
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Tattersalls Athletic Department offers very competitive rates for members looking for that bit extra.

Athletic Department Personal Training Rates

1/2hr PT	Session: \$27.50
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1 1/2hr PT	Session: \$71.50

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King of the Gym Competition Hotting Up

All through July Athletic Department members have been putting their consistent training to the test in the annual 'King of the Gym' championship.

Competing in age categories, members participate in a gruelling boxing, cycling, running, swimming and weight lifting routine under the watchful eye of an Athletic Department staff member. AD members like Wally Meakes, Bob Sanders, Dennis Foster and Arthur Huxtable have been training thoroughly in their quest to wear the crown won by 2000 winner Simon Story.

The King of the Gym runs all through July and members can register a time up to 9pm on Tuesday 31st July.

It's not too late to start training.

Heel Pain

Heel pain is one of the most common conditions that is treated by Podiatrists. It can often be a signal from the body that something is wrong and needs medical attention.

The greatest incidence of heel pain is seen in middle aged men and women, as well as occurring in those who take part in regular sporting activities and those who are significantly overweight and are on their feet a lot.

Heel pain can be caused by many factors, the most common being abnormalities in the way we walk. This places stress on the heel bone, and the soft tissue that is attached to it. Stress may also result from an injury or bruise incurred from normal activities.

Some other causes of heel pain can be:

- Excessive rolling in of the feet whilst walking
- An inflamed bursa, which is a small irritated sack of fluid at the back of the heel
- A neuroma, or nerve growth
- Other types of soft tissue growths
- Bruises or stress fractures to the heel bone



Snooker Calcutta

The 16 grand man Glen Wilkinson produced an outstanding snooker display to pip Colin Dransfield 113-112, requiring 5 snookers and the colours to win by one point. Glen gave Colin 100 start and supporters an experience to remember.

Winners: Griffin v Smith, Gowran v Layton, Fitzgerald v Antcliffe, Tomlin v Holmes, Charman v Cornish, Bradstreet v Beilby, Pidcock v Hrouda, Hall-Johnston v Reid, M Twigg v Tierney, Williamson v Todd, Paton v Hughes, Mann v C Horne, Sernack v W Foster, Bell v Brahimi, Poulden v Geason, Prendergast v Threlfo, Plumridge v Rosser. That's a lot of winning P's. The other Pidcock (John) lost to Tony Martin.

2000 Christmas Cup:

Denis Pidcock won his 2nd Christmas Cup by defeating John Gowran 113-99 over the 2 frame (10 reds) format in the final held on June 20. Having seen a 66 point lead reduced to 7, Denis potted the penultimate pink to add to his earlier success in 1997.

May Lightning Night

Guess who won yet again?. Denis Pidcock fluked the final black to beat the gallant Mike Fitzgerald and follow up on his April success. A slight weight increase of 3 kilos should bring him back to the field in late June.

snooker@tattersallsclub.org

We have the site and are presently developing our web pages to meet our club needs. Try clicking soon!.

YOUNG MEMBERS

The new Committee is keen to lift the refreshing presence of youth around Tattersalls.

To achieve this you will see some of the Club's social functions over the next few months designated as "Young Member Functions".

Here is what you need to know about these functions.

There is NO AGE LIMIT! A young member for the purpose of our social calendar is anyone who is young at heart.

If you want to mix in a slightly more relaxed and perhaps noisier setting at the Club and sample the best refreshments the Club has to offer, then you are a young member.

We encourage you to bring guests, especially others young at heart to these functions and that definitely includes young women... or even young ladies if you know any!

These events are designed to add to the enjoyment of our current young members, but also to attract new members, especially those under, say 35 or 40 years of age who will bring some energy to the gym, to the Members Bar and to some of our lunches and dinners.

(In addition to these functions the Committee is currently considering some initiatives to attract even more young members and we may be asking you for some help).

At this stage we do not expect to hold a Young Members' Ball. Instead we want to do a series of smaller events with gourmet tastings and perhaps some music as part of the attraction.

We already have a few ideas which we think will work well. If you have some ideas or contacts which might add to the success of these events then we would love to hear them.

These events are going to be steered by Tim Maunsell, Mick Gillis and Andrew Coorey. If you want to contact any of us then please do so.

Grab us in the gym or the bar or get our contact details from the main office.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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We question Simon Forsyth.

Flyfisher, Cyclist, Skier, Graphic Designer, Movie Star.

Where did you grow up?

Sydney born and bred. Doesn't seem to be too many of us any more. Amazing how many people you meet in Sydney now who aren't originally from here. Grew up in Turramurra. Spent all my school life at Knox Grammar.

Where did you go from there?

Studied graphic design. Way before computers. We learned a very different craft back then. One of our teachers was the lady who did the artwork and illustrations for the David Jones newspapers advertisements. Beautiful style, pen and ink, you don't see it anymore. Wish I still had some of them for framing. We learned cut and paste with real gumbo glue and scalpels unlike today's tools of a mouse and a lot of pixels.

After that?

I've worked mostly in Sydney at a number of the major advertising agencies. MDA, SSB, Face- The Type Workshop. Leo Burnett, J. Walter Thompson.

Where do you work now?

I run my own design company. As a creative person, I've come to realise I work best for myself. I do corporate and graphic design for mostly large organisations in the financial and business sector.

What achievements are you proud of?

Over the years I'm very happy to have worked with some of the best and most talented creative people in this Australia. When I see a great piece of design I admire what that person has done and my great satisfaction is coming up with a good design that really stands out and does its job.

Sports?

I'm passionate about skiing & learning the fine art of flyfishing. Previously I was a keen amateur cyclist at club level... criterions, time trials and road races. My greatest achievement in sports is serving on the Perisher Ski Patrol, for 10 years now. I'm proud of that because you have to show you can keep your nerve and function in all conditions. In a blizzard you have to be able to bring an injured person down safely in the sled. In blinding soft snow you have to be able to treat someone whose leg may be broken and twisted. You have to reassure them and help them.

Any little known talents?

It's not generally known I've been in the movies.

Really?

Sure. Starred in a film with Raquel Welch and Jack Thompson. I was the stand in for one of the leads. I was in a wet suit and Raquel shot me.

What's she like?

Didn't really get to meet her but she looked good. I was also in "Day Dream Believer" with Miranda Otto. And I was the bloke in the Bega Cheese ad.

Not still doing it?

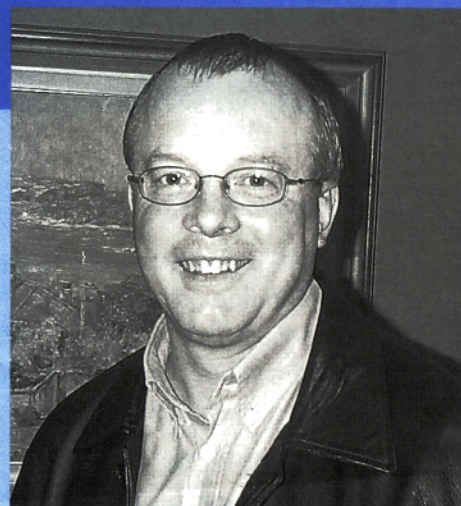
The call from Hollywood must have been lost in the post.

Who do you like?

I admire genuine, positive people. People who have the confidence to be straightshooters. I dislike people who can't be forthright. Who tell you one thing and mean another. I don't have time for them.

How do you use the club?

Well I get to the gym about 3 times a week and do the spinning classes. I've been the President of the Ski Club for 3 years. We're



taking 22 to Perisher Blue this year. We take our chef Glen Mair and his best mate, Carlos [both crazy skiers] The blokes ski and have a good time. We've inaugurated the Tatts Giant Slalom Ski Race this year and of course every year we have the Skier of the Year Award. I've skied most of the major resorts in the US... Sun Valley in Idaho this year was a highlight ...2,500 vertical feet in every run. Great, but I love Perisher because that's where I learned my skiing. Never had a lesson. Just followed the instructors and patrols round.

I also use the Club for a drink, especially with the rugby, a massage or a lunch at the bistro and I get to most of the Club functions.

Who would you invite to a memorable lunch?

Apart from friends in the Club, the 4 times winner of the Tour De France, cyclist Miguel Indurain. A great skier like Jean Claude Killy and a man I think has done a marvellous job with underprivileged people while keeping himself separate from the politics, our retiring GG William Deane. And I guess a smart, pretty girl – for the other blokes of course. (My gorgeous wife of three years, Natalie, might read this; by the way we actually meet at a Tattersalls Race Day 5 years ago).

Further thoughts on the Club?

It's a fabulous spot in the city where you can get away from the city. Where everyone is on the same level. I can interact with the boss of Australia's biggest company, or a member of Parliament, call him by his first name, which you couldn't do in the street, everybody respects each other, which is a great thing for the club. I like the way certain social niceties are respected, and I like the way friends can get together spend some time catching up.